

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 4 to 14 are pending in the application.

Claim 13 has been supplemented by defining a local access control system that controls access to the product or service and that comprises the identification verification system (local access control system is disclosed in the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 of the specification).

The added feature underscores the local component of the inventive concept: Reservation information (reserved product/service and identification code) is transmitted to local access control system provided with identification verification system. Locally, by means of the short-range communication link or interface of the identification verification system communication with the mobile telecommunication unit of the user is carried out as soon as the user with his mobile telecommunication unit reaches the communication range of the identification verification system of the local access control system.

In addition to the arguments presented on 5/16/11, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention differs from Russell in that the user-specific identification code is fed to and saved in an identification verification system of a local access control device and is retrieved by the identification verification system of the local access control device from the mobile telecommunication unit by non-contact short-range communication links when the user with the mobile telecommunication unit enters a predetermined physical short-range communication area of the identification verification system of the local access control device. No such steps involving a local access control device are disclosed in Russell.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 103 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned

would appreciate a phone call or **e-mail** from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees required during prosecution of this application and not paid by other means to Patent and Trademark Office deposit account 50-1199.

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